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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows.

## IN THE FIGURES:

Please replace Figs. 2-4 and 6-8 with the enclosed marked-up version of the Figures.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please replace the following paragraphs with the identified rewritten paragraphs of the application. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Page 63, please replace the eighth full paragraph with the following:

--Figure 5 which shows the sequence of MLV pICUT (SEQ ID NO: 1);--

Page 64, please replace the third full paragraph with the following:

--Figure 11 which shows the Peicut-LacZ sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2);--

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